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Engineer Says "Fuseplug" Levee Will Be Rebuilt

Charleston, Mo., February 6.—A preliminary survey made by Abner Beck, County Superintendent of Schools, indicated the loss of at least \$30,000 to the school districts involved.

Beck estimated at least 10,000 worth of school books, maps and such materials would be beyond salvage. Damage to fixtures he estimated would be \$15,000.

We know definitely that the James Bayou schoolhouse floated away," he said. "It represented an investment of at least \$5,000. Other buildings have doubtless washed from their foundations or will be in need of major repairs. The actual damage to the rural school system by this flood cannot be determined until the waters leave the area."

Joe Moore, Mississippi County Levee Commissioner, believes most persons living inside the floodway will return to their homes as soon as they can. Some of the sharecroppers may go elsewhere, but the farmers feel that the odds favor them against repetition of floods similar to the one this year.

Three thousand workmen today received approximately \$40,000 for their work of constructing a three-foot bulwark on the setback levee east of Charleston.

The coroners inquest into the barge drownings above New Madrid was held in the Court House at New Madrid Monday at 10:30. Fourteen witnesses gave testimony and the jury retired at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon to deliberate and report their findings. The drift of all witnesses tended to show a great many men were anxious to get back to New Madrid and over-crowded a leaky barge. Coroner Richards stated none of the bodies that he handled showed bruises or marks of mutilation as from a cut with a sharp instrument. Just what the jury will find as to negligence is another story.

The editor of The Standard is not only excited over the President's message to increase the Supreme Court of the United States to fifteen members. The President knows the old timers on the Court will not decide in favor of liberal laws that is needed at this time. The old fogies should heed the voice of the people as expressed in November.

Governor Stark was elected Governor of Missouri with the expectation that he would give us a business administration, but some politicians seem to think he was expected to swap patronage for laws or to secure the confirmation of key positions. The few Senators, or others who attempt coercion, will find out Governor Stark will not be forced into their plans.

Frank Clinton, who has been in charge of the meat market at the H. & H. Grocery for the past several years, has leased the meat department of the A. & P. chain store and will for the next year operate same under his own name. Beginning Thursday morning he will be prepared to serve customers who honor him with their business with the choicest meats that can be purchased from packing houses. His individual phone will be in operation and meats will be delivered promptly. Friends of Clinton will be glad to hear that he is operating on his own and will wish him success.

Pretty Olivia DeHaviland, movie Venus, says she has pressed the lips of movie heroes 715 times, but only one kiss was beautiful and romantic. The Standard editor has never had the pleasure of meeting the lady.

The difference, as the editor of the Greenville Sun sees it, is that in the old days the newly married man was satisfied if his wife could bake biscuits; nowadays he wants her to go out and help bring in the dough.

The research expert, Bildad Botta of the Paris Appeal, recently opined that the tiredest woman were those who had the most labor saving devices.

Just another potogutted paragraph. Why is it that the refugees who are with us do not organize and assist the women of Sikeston to look after those who are ill, who need baths, keep the rooms in order, and a number of things that they could do to help themselves. Some act as though they were pampered guests and expected to be waited on.

The volunteer workers among the women of Sikeston are getting fed up on waiting on the refugees when the refugees should try to wait on themselves. One woman at one of the churches was asked to lend a hand to wash dishes, but she refused as the Red Cross was taking care of them. At the same church a refugee told a volunteer worker to bring a drink of water to their little boy, but the volunteer worker told the refugee that he knew where the water was and to go get it himself. And that is the way things are going. The refugees should organize among themselves and offer to do their part.

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COLORED WOMAN DIES

Clara Walton, colored, wife of David Walton, died Saturday at her home in the south end of town of pneumonia. Burial was in Sunset cemetery Monday morning at 10:30, and a memorial service will be held later at the colored 1st Baptist church. Elise service.

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Spirit of Roosevelt's Message

Important Paragraphs Which Characterize the President's Forceful Views of Old Men and Old Methods in the Courts.

In plain, emphatic language the President of the United States today, in his special message to congress on reform of the courts pointed out evils of the American court system which are the subject of endless discussion in the United States. Here are paragraphs in his special message which characterize the spirit and purpose of his proposals:

A growing body of our citizens complain of the complexities, the delays and the expenses of litigation in United States courts.

Delay in any court results in injustices. It makes lawsuits a luxury available only to the few who can afford them or who have property interest to protect which are sufficiently large to repay the cost.

Poorer litigants are compelled to abandon valuable rights or to accept inadequate or unjust settlements because of sheer inability to finance or to await the end of long litigation.

Only by speeding up the processes of the law and thereby reducing their cost can we eradicate the growing impression that courts are chiefly a haven for the well to do.

Modern complexities call for a constant infusion of new blood in the courts just as it is needed in executive functions of the government and in private business.

A lowered mental or physical vigor leads men to avoid an examination of complicated and changed conditions. Older men, assuming that the scene is the same as it was in the past cease to explore or inquire into the present or the future.

Life tenure of judges (U. S. Supreme Court judges) assured by the constitution, was designed to place the courts beyond temptations or influences; it was not intended to create a state judiciary.

A federal statute is legal by one judge in one district; it is simultaneously held illegal by another judge in another district. An act valid in one judicial circuit is invalid in another. Thus rights fully accorded to one group of citizens may be denied to others.

Negro Shows Heroism In Overflow District

One of the human interest stories in connection with the flood to come to us was that of Tom Enlow, colored, who rescued some people upon an improvised raft. Enlow, who was living in a small house on land owned by Mr. Joe Moore, about ten miles south of East Prairie in what is known as the "Y", brought his wife out January 22 and went back in to try and save his belongings. He had a small boat and started building a raft from material available. Securing some piling he floated them together, turning a butt end and then a small end until he had enough to make a about fourteen feet wide, the piling being thirty feet long. On these with small nails, he nailed boards on which he loaded his trunk and bedding, taking also a colored man and woman. About this time he heard the screams of a woman on a ditch bank several hundred feet from him. Taking his small boat he went to her and found Jesse Atwood and his wife whom he took back to his raft and the five of them started toward the Dorena highway in the hopes of finding help. The woman continued to scream and attracted the attention of John McFarland and Ott Martin who in a Red Cross boat had started to the Three States school house where they heard people were in danger. This was about 10:00 o'clock at night and the flashlight of McFarland had given out and they were directed to the frail craft by Enlow who came to them in his small boat bringing a lantern. They were all taken aboard the Red Cross boat and carried to safety where they were given food, with the exception of Enlow who said he "just couldn't eat". Mr. McFarland says Enlow was about frozen from being in the cold water but they wrapped him in blankets after taking him aboard the boat.

Tom still could not eat, but after being brought to the Eagle office where he sat behind a hot stove for some time, getting thoroughly thawed out, he ate food brought him by Mrs. Bright from her home nearby. After eating he soon felt better and related the story as told above and the truth of which is vouched for by Mr. McFarland. Mr. McFarland has had years of experience with the overflows in the south end of this county and he says the mystery of the whole thing to him is how the frail raft got as far as it did as the nails used barely reached through the boards with very little going into the piling.—East Prairie Eagle.

Unavoidable Accident Verdict in Floodway Drowning Inquest

The verdict rendered at three o'clock Monday by the jury in the coroner's inquest at New Madrid in connection with the drowning of men in recent barge disaster in the Floodway north of New Madrid:

Test case using body of James F. Ruffin of Portageville. Verdict: Came to his death due to inefficiency of organization in charge at so called quarter-boat headquarters, which inefficiency was caused by creation of an emergency of the flood situation and the set-up of the foremen and bosses was necessarily hurried and inadequate; we further find that deceased was contradictorily negligent, excusable under the circumstances, in crowding upon a barge when he should have known it was being overloaded and after someone on the boat had warned of overloading.

Signed by jurors:

F. L. Steel (foreman)
Byron Stanley
Morris Frank
H. B. Henderson
W. P. Hunter
C. L. Fontaine.

FLOOD CONDITIONS UPSET LOCAL B. B. SCHEDULE

The flood situation has played havoc with the Sikeston basketball schedule along with that of many other schools in this district. The Sikeston games cancelled to date are: Jan. 22, Morehouse here; Jan. 27, Blytheville here; Jan. 29, Matthews there; Feb. 2, Diehlstadt there; Feb. 5, Caruthersville here; Feb. 9, Fruitland at Jackson and possibly Feb. 12, Morehouse there.

That leaves only one game on the Sikeston schedule, Charleston here Feb. 19. A few of the games, however, will likely be made up. Supt. Roy V. Ellise says satisfactory arrangements will be made with those people who purchased season tickets.

JOHN P. RICHARDSON DIES

Bloomfield, Mo., Feb. 7.—John P. Richardson, 71 years old, widely known Democratic leader, died at his home here Saturday.

Richardson served as deputy internal revenue collector under George H. Moore, now Federal Judge of the Eastern Missouri District, during the Wilson administration. He was assistant secretary of the Missouri State Senate during the Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth General Assemblies. He attended every Democratic State convention between 1896 and 1932 and missed few national conventions. His father, Dr. J. S. Richardson, served two terms as speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives. He is survived by his widow, one son, Sam, and two step-daughters, Miss Ida Blair and Mrs. Ida Moran.

ARMY PAYROLL HERE MORE THAN \$2500.00

The army payroll here last week amounted to more than \$2500.00 according to Major Cheshire in charge of the detachment of 160 men here from Des Moines, Ia. The detachment was sent here to aid the Red Cross and assist in evacuation or any emergency that might arise.

They are feeding the refugees here in Sikeston and helping at Benton and various other points throughout this section of the flooded area. The soldiers here compose flood relief detachments from Battery F of the 80th Field Artillery and from Troop E of the 14th Cavalry.

TUG RETURNS HOMES IN FLOODED SPILLWAY

According to C. L. Blanton, Jr., a government tug Saturday towed four homes from the lower neck of the Birds Point-New Madrid spillway where they had floated back to points indicated by their owners and were anchored there to await the receding of the water. The homes were valued from \$800.00 up. According to Mr. Blanton this type of rehabilitation work will be continued wherever possible if it is needed.

All day Sunday a diver from Memphis, Tenn., aided in the search for bodies still not recovered from the recent barge disaster north of New Madrid in the spillway.

OSCAR CAMPBELL DIES OF PNEUMONIA FEVER

The death of Oscar Campbell occurred Saturday night, February 6, at his home on North Range from pneumonia.

Funeral services were held at the family residence, Monday afternoon with burial in Memorial Park cemetery. Rev. E. H. Orear preached. He is survived by three children, Mrs. Mayzell Campbell, 3 children, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Campbell, all of Sikeston. One brother, Edward Campbell, is enrolled in a CCC camp. Elise service.

Wm. E. Mahew refereed the basketball tournament in Desloge Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week.

1800 Attend Funeral For Kidnaped Doctor

Willow Springs, Mo., Feb. 5.—Eighteen hundred persons, doctors from all over the State and the townspeople who had known and loved him, this afternoon filed silently past the coffin of Dr. J. C. B. Davis, murdered victim of a kidnaper.

Heaped around the casket were flowers which had exhausted the supplies of florists throughout the Ozarks.

The seats of the high school gymnasium, which he had helped to build as president of the School Board, were filled. Three hundred other persons milled in the hall.

Outside the building 248 motor cars lined surrounding streets, and a crowd of 200 clustered around the door to the building.

All stores here closed at 1 o'clock until after the funeral service.

The funeral service was brief, with no mention of the way in which Dr. Davis had died.

Dr. D. D. McAdams, pastor of the Willow Springs Presbyterian church, of which Dr. Davis was a member, read a simple sermon.

"I think we can pay no greater tribute to his memory than to act upon the precedent he has set for us, and carry on," the pastor said.

Afterward the body was taken to the city cemetery on the outskirts of Willow Springs and there buried.

Highway Patrol Sergt. Nathan Massie, who took a leading part in solving the kidnapping, was in charge of the patrolmen and Boy Scouts who directed two streams of traffic.

Alvin (Buster) Brixey, a young farmer who said he found the medicine kit of Dr. Davis in a river, was detained today for questioning by the State Highway Patrol.

Sergt. Nathan Massie said the patrol desired to question Brixey because of information that he was a friend of Robert Kenyon.

Arrests For Embezzlement and Drunkenness Made

The Highway Patrol office Monday reported the arrest of Morris Casper of Olney, Ill., by Trooper Melvin Dace. Casper claimed to be a real estate man and had been trying to borrow money in Sikeston. Trooper Dace picked Casper up between Dexter and Sikeston; in checking up on him found that no payments had been made since last July on the truck he was driving. Charges of embezzlement were preferred.

In checking a call that came to the Patrol Office Sunday reporting a man dead in a car on the highway between Dexter and Sikeston, Trooper Dace found the man, Cap Brewer, a refugee from the grade school center, to be merely dead drunk in his car on the highway just west of Essex. Brewer was placed in jail at Dexter.

RED CROSS MONEY SINCE THURSDAY

Red Cross donations of \$167.89 have been turned in to the Scott county Red Cross emergency relief fund since last Thursday. This brings the total to \$3306.92.

Contributors since last Thursday are:

Lawrence Polst	\$5.00
Marguerite Walling	5.00
Mrs. P. B. Held	4.18
Butler Grocery	5.00
Alton, Mo. citizens	83.21
M. A. and Mae Singleton	2.00
Lee Hunter, St. Louis	50.00
Blodgett Red Cross	4.00
Mrs. Hal Hunter, New Madrid	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stuppy	2.50
W. H. Moreland	2.50
Total	\$167.89

High School To Be Evacuated by Wednesday

Unless unforeseen developments arise from the flood situation the Sikeston high school refugees will be evacuated by Wednesday of this week and school will be resumed next Monday, according to reports issued today by Rev. E. H. Orear, local Red Cross chairman, and Miss Frances Blackburn, national Red Cross worker here.

The evacuation of the south grade school may be slower since it is housing a much larger number of refugees. Mr. Lee Bowman, president of the school board, said that as soon as the refugees were moved out fumigation and washing down of the floors and stairways would be started. Miss Blackburn stated that it might be possible to get WPA labor to aid in getting the schools ready, but Charles L. Blanton, Jr., said that as yet he had received no orders to supply such labor.

Carl O. Myers, district Red Cross worker in charge here, made a tour of inspection last Saturday through the Little river district around Gideon, Portageville, Catron, Risco and other points, and reported that in his opinion it was safe for the refugees to go back to their homes.

Engineers say, however, that now is the most critical time so far as the levees are concerned. Monday's rain coupled with the continuous strain on the levees due to the gradual receding of the Ohio and slight rises in the Mississippi make sand boil threats and levee fissures doubly serious.

If the high school is evacuated by Wednesday it is probable that basketball practice will be resumed the latter part of the week and the game scheduled at Morehouse for Friday night will be played.

Bandits Stage Holdup at Zula's Place in Morehouse

Approximately \$530.00 was taken by bandits in a holdup of "Zula's place", roadhouse just east of Morehouse on Highway 60, at 11 o'clock Thursday night. The three masked bandits, two tall and slender and the third short and with a dark mustache, carried revolvers and a shot gun.

After searching the dozen or more people in the place thoroughly, even to looking in the top of the girl's stockings, they made every one lie down on the floor on their face and sped off toward Dexter in a machine.

The loot taken was: \$160.00 "Doc" Price's gambling table and \$80.00 from his pocket; \$120.00 from the cash register; \$60.00 from one of several soldier boys present; the cash register; three slot machines, a nickel, a dime and a quarter one supposedly containing about \$50.00, \$60.00 and \$100.00 respectively.

The quick thinking of one of the men present saved him \$35.00 since he had his hands in his pockets when the robbers entered and gave the order for hands up and he threw his money out of his pocket into the corner behind the piano as he took his hands from his pocket.

Deputy Sheriff W. M. (Snowball) James had been gone from the place only a few minutes when the hold-up occurred.

The bandits were somewhat hard boiled and when at the command to "get down on the floor" one of the girls wanted to know if they wanted her "to sit down or lay down" they settled the matter by knocking her down.

Juanita Bandy Injured In Auto Collision Sunday

Miss Juanita Bandy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bandy of this city, suffered a severe back injury late Sunday evening when the car in which she was riding, driven by her brother, Raymond, collided with a Wortena Transport Trailer from Detroit, Mich., at the Highway 60-61 intersection east of the shoe factory.

The accident occurred at about 11:30 o'clock as Miss Bandy and her brother, Miss Geneva Patterson and Glenn Schaefer were driving east on Highway 60. The trailer truck, which had been going south on highway 61, was apparently attempting to turn around, as the cab had swung around, but had stopped with the trailer completely blocking the road. As the lights could not be seen from Bandy's position he crashed into its side, badly damaging the front of the Dodge Coach he was driving.

The other occupants of the car, as well as the truck driver, Harold Shannon, and his relief driver, who was at the wheel at the time of the accident, escaped without injury.

NEW REFRIGERATION FEATURES PRESENTED

Science has scored another remarkable victory by presenting to the world a group of thrilling new features in automatic refrigeration according to F. D. Lair, Frigidaire dealer whose representatives have just returned from the national convention sponsored by the manufacturer of his product.

Officials of the Frigidaire factories of Dayton, Ohio, accompanied by a corps of their assistants, staged a spectacular presentation in St. Louis during which new products and new sales plans for the coming year were outlined for the men comprising the field selling force.

"This year," he said, "the Frigidaire manufacturing organization has succeeded in doing what few of us had thought possible, and that was to produce a product that represents definite forward strides over a product which last year was conceded by hundreds of thousands of people to be the finest refrigerator that men knew how to build. Its perfectly grand this year."

W. R. LEWIS MADE CHALMERS AGENT

W. R. Lewis has been made the Sikeston agent for the Allis Chalmers Tractor Company. He will succeed the Lyman Reed Co. and will occupy the Erdman building. Mr. Lewis will maintain a repair department and complete line of repairs in addition to the regular line of power farm machinery.

MATTHEWS B. B. TEAMS WIN TWO FROM ILLMO

The Matthews basketball team took both ends of a double header from the visiting Illmo teams Friday night. The Matthews girls won 29 to 18. The score at the half was 14 to 9 in favor of Illmo. The Matthews boys won 30 to 20 and the score at the half was tied 12 all. The scoring for the boys game was as follows:

Matthews—Dunham, f, 7; Randolph, f, 3; Spradling, f, 4; White, f, 4; Throp, f, 0; Depro, g, 9; Radcliff, g, 3. Total 30.

Illmo—Marshall, f, 11; Allen, c, 6; Clark, f, 3; Bowers, Wilkerson, Payne, Ham, Pellette, and Thorpe none. Total 20.

Deneke Leaves For Jackson, Mich.

E. F. Deneke, manager of the Kelso Tire Store on east Malone street, left Saturday for a visit to the Sparton Radio factory of Jackson, Mich. The company is paying the expenses of the trip and it is a reward extended to a few store managers who exceeded a given quota in radio sales.

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Pat Dunlavy gets two years in the penitentiary for vote frauds in the St. Louis primary election. This should be a warning to Sikeston election crooks who may some day meet the same fate.

Over in New York Philip Laibi raised a ruckus when he purchased a Swiss Cheese sandwich because the holes were too large. It seems Philip bit into his sandwich got a bite of bread and a mouthful of hole. Too much hole to suit Phil and he has a right to kick.

Miss Pearl Buck, author, says 95 per cent of the movie goers are unintelligent, and we guess she is right. Not being an author, but having a right to express our opinion, we would say the folks who put on the silly, rotten, wise cracking radio numbers must think 99 per cent are as dumb as they are. We have wondered just how much they pay the "laughers" who give the outbursts of mirth.

A certain Sikeston woman was politely turned homeward at the 60-61 Highway intersection. Sunday afternoon. "No, sightseers," said the blue coated trooper. Monday morning Captain A. D. Sheppard received a message. It said: "Dear Captain: When my grandchildren are gathered about my knees, and they ask me about the great flood of 1937, I will say to them: 'go ask Captain Sheppard. He's the only one who saw the flood, and he wouldn't let anybody else look.'"

Those in charge of the U. S. Army Engineers could stop most of the unfounded rumors in this and other districts if they would name some central agency, as a clearing house on public information. Representatives of two national press associations, and staff correspondents of several metropolitan newspapers were stationed in Charleston for a week. Other representatives of national broadcasting chains, and other newspapers have been, and are now, located in other strategic points. Hundreds of false rumors had to be sifted in connection with reports of various levees, the number of refugees, boat accidents, levee work. The Engineers are in charge of some phases of this work, but the engineers in this district have earned a reputation of "not talking." Why, no one knows. The Army believes in keeping up the morale of its organization. Likewise it is important to keep up the morale of those who have been affected by flood waters or other natural catastrophe. No one item in keeping up the morale is more important than accurate information, reliably interpreted, and accurately transmitted. In that respect the U. S. Engineers would do well to establish a recognized source of information to which certain recognized news agencies could have access. Persons do not dread actual, physical things. Death of a loved one, to take the extreme example, isn't so bad when the fact has been definitely established, and the first shock surmounted. But people go crazy with worry and fear and uncertainty.—Charleston Courier.

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MAN JAILED IN MATTSON CASE KILLS SELF IN CELL

Auburn, Wash., February 4.—John F. Johnson, 40, jailed last Friday for questioning about the kidnap-killing of 10-year-old Charles Mattson, was found dead in his cell today, his belt around his neck and tied to his cot.

Police Chief Ed Norris and Coroner's Deputy George W. Scott said the man undoubtedly killed himself.

John, arrested in the hobo "jungles" here on complaint of transients, who said he appeared mentally unbalanced and might know something about the Tacoma case, denied any knowledge of the crime. He appeared to brood over his plight.

LAST ON LEE'S STAFF AT APPOMATTOX DIES

Matthews, Va., February 4.—Rev. Giles Buckner Cooke, last surviving officer of the immediate staff of Gen. Robert E. Lee at the time of the Appomattox surrender, died at his home here today. He would have been 99 years old on May 13.

CAPE GIRARDEAU SUFFERS \$90,000 BLAZE

Cape Girardeau suffered her worst fire in many years last Thursday in a \$90,000 blaze that destroyed the Bartels Mercantile Company store building and ignited seven other buildings. Among the \$40,000 worth of dry goods and fixtures destroyed was \$10,000 worth of new stock just received for spring display.

Heavy damage was caused in the rear of Fick Store and the Cape Cut Rate drug store by smoke and water. Among the other buildings catching fire from the blaze was the Christian church and the Christian church cottage, a block east and a block south of the store building.

Approximately 100,000 gallons of water was poured on the store building and the resulting fires.

Albritton Company Made Agent

The Albritton Undertaking Company announced today the acceptance of the agency for the Peoples Mutual Insurance Association of Linn, Mo. The company writes cash benefit policies from fifty to \$1000.00. The company is licensed to operate in Missouri as an assessment life insurance company.

Agents John Albritton and Sharon Pharris of Sikeston, E. C. Fisher of Vanduser and Tom Baty of Oran will operate through the district office at Sikeston.

SENATOR PAUL JONES IN KENNETT DEMOCRAT

Newspapers generally, quoting those who are "in the know" here at Jefferson City, are predicting (as was forecast in this column several weeks ago) that Governor Stark will not re-appoint R. E. O'Malley, to head the State Insurance Department, despite the fact that he has the endorsement of T. J. Pendergast of Kansas City who has been quoted as saying that O'Malley was the No. 1 man on his list for appointment.

Governor Stark has indicated in other ways that he is not going to be bound by any group in his administration and his announcement that all appointments are going to be made on merit as well as political connections is meeting with genuine approval in most quarters, though the professional politician is trying to make light of the procedure which is quite a bit out of the ordinary.

Personally, I am pleased to see that Governor Stark has come out wholeheartedly in favor of a driver's license law for Missouri, which is one of the 12 "backward states" in this respect. This much-needed legislation has failed in the past, due perhaps in the main because the legislative bosses have not—for some unknown reason—favored the measure. However, with the favorable comment which the movement has gained over the state, coupled with the governor's endorsement, should be enough to put it over this session.

Another movement is gaining some headway, which promises to be one of the most forward steps this state has ever taken. That is the matter of legislation for

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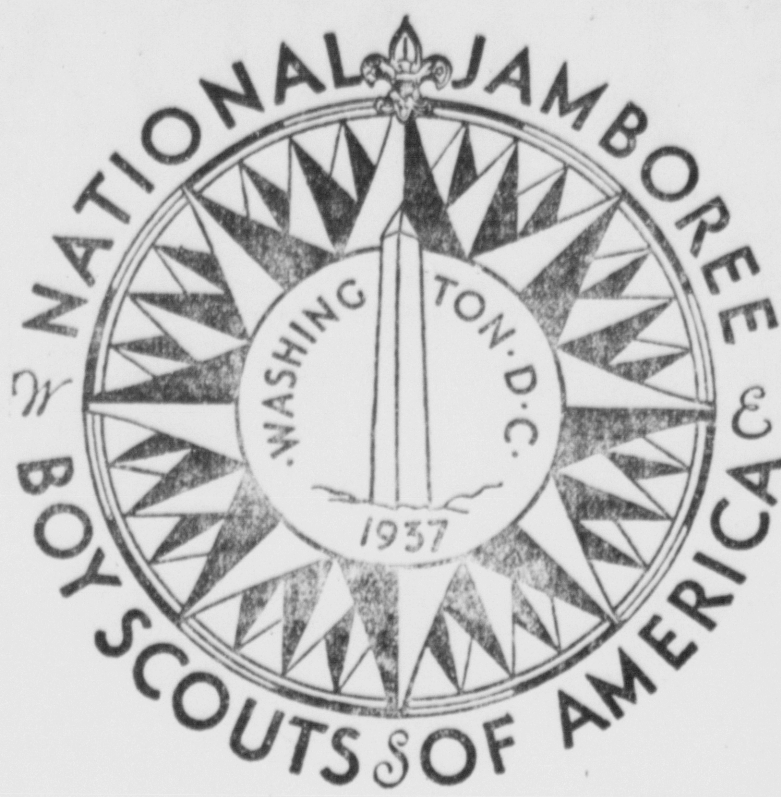
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Boy Scouts Adopt Jamboree Insignia



In connection with the 27th annual Boy Scout Week, Feb. 7 to 13, the Boy Scouts of America has released the design of the official insignia more than 25,000 boys will wear at the National Scout Jamboree at Washington, D. C., where they will camp together from June 30 to July 9.

The compass is used in the design because the Scouts will come from "every nook and cranny" of the nation in response to President Roosevelt's invitation.

checking disease and other social evils that have been responsible for the ever mounting numbers that fill our penal and eleemosynary institutions.

Every time a person is prevented from becoming blind the state saves \$300 a year, and every time one is prevented from having to go to the state sanatorium for tuberculosis, the state is saved \$600 a year.

No one has been able to estimate the saving that would be brought about from a systematic control of social diseases, which are responsible for a large portion of those who are now in our state hospitals.

RED CROSS LEADER SPEAKS OF PLANS TO KIWANIS

Mr. C. R. Myers, national Red Cross executive in charge at Sikeston, was the principal speaker at the Kiwanis meeting Thursday night. In addition to giving a comprehensive and interesting summary of the Red Cross work now being carried out in the flooded district he explained that the national Red Cross will be active in this region for several months and will in all probability work in conjunction with the Resettlement Corporation in getting the refugees back on their devastated farms and in a position become self supporting once more.

Mr. Myers stated that refugees would not be voluntarily dismissed by the Red Cross until army engineers indicated that levees were safe and all danger from the flood was past.

Vice-president R. T. Couey presided in the absence of President John Sutterfield. The Kiwanis club is still alternating with the Lions club in keeping members on night duty at the various refugee centers.

THOMAS HART BENTON VISITS FLOODED AREA

Thomas Hart Benton, artist painting the mural decorations for the Capitol at Jefferson City, was through Sikeston Friday on his way to Cairo, Bird's Point, New Madrid and other points along the flooded area to get an "artist's eye" view of the flood situation in southeast Missouri.

From Sikeston Mr. Benton went to New Madrid to get in touch with Colonel E. C. Kelton in charge of the U. S. government engineers and arrange for an escort over the flooded section.

Matching Jobs and Men

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EIGHT SENATORS TALK WITH STARK ON LEGISLATION

Jefferson City, Feb. 4.—Gov. Stark has extended one hand in a friendly gesture of legislative cooperation to the State Senate leaders, who a few days ago held up confirmation of his nomination of Robert B. Brooks for membership of the State Highway Commission. But he has not offered the hand which controls state patronage.

The Governor, apparently recognizing the warning conveyed by the delay in Brooks confirmation as a threat of retaliation if he did not give recognition to the Senators, sent word to Senator Clark of Richmond, president pro tem that he would be pleased to confer with such of the Senators as Clark might select, but he limited the subject of the conference to legislative matters.

Eight Senators, in addition to Senator Clark, made up a party and talked with the Governor for nearly two hours yesterday afternoon. The others were Brogan of St. Louis, majority floor leader; Casey of Kansas City, chairman of the Judiciary Committee; Kinney of St. Louis, chairman of the Highways Commission; Donnelly of Lebanon, chairman of Ways and Means; McReynolds of Carthage, chairman of Social Security and Pensions; Rollins of Columbia, chairman of Appropriations; Briggs of Macon, chairman of Education, and Cope, of Salem, chairman of private corporations.

The Governor told the group that he wished to co-operate with the Senate in pushing forward important legislation carrying out the Social Security program, which involves questions of increased revenues, presumably through a higher sales tax, and the proportion of the revenues, which should be allotted to the public schools.

He asked each of the Senators to express his views, and there was a general interchange of thought on the revenue demands which will be made by old age pensions, relief, the educational system and the general routine operating expenses of the State.

The conference failed to result in any definite decisions on either expenditures or revenues, largely because those in the conference expressed doubt as to the dependability of estimates contained in the State budget. It was agreed that it was advisable that a sub-

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committee of the Senate Appropriations Committee be appointed to go over the budget and examine the items.

In this way it was hoped to arrive at a reasonably close estimate of the amount of money which will be required, and from that the committee could work out the way to obtain the money.

The question of patronage being taboo, the conference was harmonious though Senator Casey, without committing himself definitely, indicated possible objections to a proposal to increase the sales tax from 1 per cent to 2 per cent.

Casey insisted that the methods of taxation proposed were taxing those least able to pay, and that if additional funds were necessary they should be obtained from higher income taxes, from luxury taxes or other taxes which would not reach down to wage earners and those with small incomes.

Most of the important committees having as chairman Senators more or less closely allied with the Casey-Kennedy-Brogan group, the Senators in the conference were largely adherents to the group, thought it was necessary to include McReynolds, an outsider, as he will have charge of the Social Security legislation, one of the most important subjects before the Legislature.

So far the Brooks confirmation is in suspense, though there is a strong possibility that the Roads and Highways Committee will have a special meeting before the end of the week to approve the nomination that it may be acted on at an executive session of the Senate before the Friday weekend adjournment. This would make possible the regular monthly meeting of the Highway Commission next Monday or Tuesday.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given, that letters of administration on the estate of Thomas Griggs, deceased were granted to the undersigned on the 14th day of January, 1937, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

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MISSOURI HISTORY

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The Missouri Silk Craze

That Missouri was once seized with a silk culture mania may be surprising to many persons. Yet, that such is the fact is shown by the act incorporating the St. Louis Missouri Silk Company on February 13, 1839, for the purpose of "promoting the growth and the raising of the mulberry and the making and manufacture of silk." Though the company was short-lived, it threw lustily and gave eloquent evidence that Missouri, with the rest of the United States, could not resist the lure of quick wealth via the road of silk culture which has periodically seized the American people from the days of the "silk folly" of colonial Georgia to the California silk craze of 1867.

The importation from France of the morus multicaulis species of mulberry tree, a tree whose leaves were much larger and of much more rapid growth than the leaves of the black or Italian white mulberry tree, inaugurated the silk mania in Missouri and the United States in the thirties. As stories of the virtues of the new species of tree spread, eastern nurserymen were unable to meet the demand and a wild rush for plants took place. In 1839 at a public sale at the Highfield Cocoonery near Germantown, Pennsylvania, 72,738 trees were bought for St. Louis at a cost of approximately thirty-three cents each. Prices soared. Trees rose from a few cents to as high as \$2.00 apiece. One man in New Jersey made a clear profit of \$3,000 on a \$400 investment in trees. To such heights did the mania attain that a national convention of silk culturists was proposed to meet at Washington in December, 1837.

A crash was naturally precipitated but not before large sums were lost through excessive speculation. The morus multicaulis was found to be not hardy enough while those who indulged in the craze discovered that the successful culture of silk worms was not so easy as they had imagined it to be. By 1840, importers found themselves unable to pay freight on their shipments. Trees were sold for such humble uses as pea brush and in Baltimore brought as low as two cents each. In some instances the trees were uncereuniously uprooted and burned. The craze as it prevailed in

Missouri is thus described by Edward's Great West:

"The years 1838-39 were years in which the morus multicaulis fever raged throughout the Union, and the contagious spread to the west banks of the Mississippi. The theory was a beautiful one. One acre planted in mulberry trees would feed worms sufficient to produce thousands of dollars of silk—wealth could not be garnered sooner from a Potosi's mine."

"With such dazzling prospects of wealth, the agriculturalists in the neighborhood of St. Louis and throughout the contiguous counties, to the almost total neglect of their usual crops, commenced raising, in the greatest abundance, the tree so associated with classic reminiscences—the tragic love of Pyramus and Thisbe. Won by the easy and novel idea of realizing a fortune, the fair sex took the matter in hand, and by their colossal speculations, contributed still more to swell the current of public opinion in the direction in which it already flowed. At this juncture a bill was presented to the legislature of the state for the incorporation of a silk company, to be established in St. Louis and the Missouri Silk Company was quickly incorporated."

"The morus multicaulis was a delusion; and when this apparition of wealth became manifest, and its nothingness apparent, thousands who had been pursuing a shadow were ruined in their fortunes. The visions of home-made silk, that would rival in beauty that of China and France, all departed, and the Missouri Silk Company that had been incorporated by the legislature quietly died without entering upon any practical duties of life."

RIVER FALLING SLOWLY AT NEW MADRID MONDAY

River reports late Monday stated that the Mississippi at New Madrid was falling at the rate of .1 foot per 24 hours. The reading at New Madrid was 47.5. The river there has fallen less than six inches since the crest.

A part of south Main street in New Madrid was blocked off from traffic Sunday because of deep water but nothing serious developed. A diver worked around the flood gates on the Farrenberg levee checking the safety of the sand bagged sand boil that de-

veloped there a day or two earlier.

A check-up in the WPA office located Jack Hopkins of Avert, Mo., whose overcoat was recovered by workers searching for barge victims in the spillway Sunday, at his home. It was thought that he might be another victim of the barge disaster.

90 Patients in Hospital

The refugee hospital late Monday reported 90 patients, 20 of them pneumonia cases. A baby was born Friday to Mrs. Harley. One of the nurses was sent to St. Louis Sunday with an acute throat ailment.

Mrs. Wayne Delisle of Portageville, who has been here visiting her mother, Mrs. J. W. Schreff, for the past week, expects to return home today (Tuesday).

DISH WAS SIX FEET IN DIAMETER

Guests at an Arab Feast Impressed by Lavishness of Meat Course

Once I traveled beyond the Jordan and to ancient Petra with Col. Gene Tunney, Dr. La Gorce and their wives. We were fortunate enough to meet Sheikh Majid Pasha el Adwan, one of the most hospitable of Arab chieftains. Understanding that Colonel Tunney was a "great American sheik," he invited us to a meal and some entertainment in his camp.

We enjoyed the coffee ceremony, the curvetting, the horse racing, the dancing, the singing and the reed-pipe music. A bard accompanied his recitations with weird strains from his rababe, a primitive 1-stringed instrument.

But it was the banquet itself that astonished us. The main course consisted of five sheep served with quantities of rice and gravy in a single dish almost six feet in diameter. It took ten men to carry in this piece de resistance!

Our host stood throughout the whole meal, serving all who partook. As honored guests, we received first attention. Then other guests, down the whole line of prestige, had their turn. A wandering dervish beggar was the last visitor fed.

Next followed the princes and men of the sheik's tribe, down to the Negro slaves and their children. I counted 300 who ate from the giant dish. Yet when it was carried out it was still far from empty.

After the meal, more coffee was served. While the guests remained, the sheik ate nothing. Bedouin chiefs take pride in serving well their guests and inferiors. Hospitality among the poorer Bedouins is just as genuine, if less lavish.—John D. Whiting in the National Geographic Magazine.

UMBRELLA SKIRT IS LATEST IN STYLEDOM

Chicago, Feb. 5.—Now it is the "umbrella skirt."

Inspired by the lowly bumbershoot, this many gored "swing" skirt was introduced this week at the Chicago wash dress and apparel style show held in connection with the annual spring and summer wholesale market.



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tion with the annual spring and summer wholesale market.

One version of this new spring fashion was seen in a blue linen street frock. The skirt had 12 gores each piped in wine. On the left shoulder was a large rose floral print.

The "watch out daggers" frock was another novelty presented by a Chicago manufacturer. Around the hem of the white broadcloth shantung dress was a design of 3-inch high bright red daggers. The white belt was fastened with two red daggers.

Prints—from large bold floral and modernistic motifs to tiny flower patterns—were especially important in daytime and evening clothes. Prints won more applause than monotonous as the anticipated spring favorites.

Rohemian, Hungarian and Tyrolean native peasant costumes inspired many of the designers.

SAPLINGS USED IN STEEL MANUFACTURE

Buying a wagonload of green saplings from a neighboring farmer is almost as routine to purchasing agents of some steel companies as buying half a million tons of iron ore.

During 1936 about 20,000 green saplings were consumed by the steel industry, it is estimated by the American Iron and Steel Institute. They were used to "pole" or stir molten open-hearth and Bessemer steel in order to reduce the amount of carbon present in the steel.

The saplings used are from 16 to 20 feet long, and from three to four inches in diameter at the butt end. Elm, ash, oak and hickory saplings are most generally used.

Stirring the molten steel with green saplings produces a violent boiling or agitation in the steel as the carbon in the sapling and the oxygen in the metal react chemically. This agitation mixes the steel thoroughly with the layer of molten limestone or slag floating on top of the steel, and the excess carbon is absorbed in the slag.

Deer Run State Forest in Reynolds county is one of the most outstanding game preserves in the state both in game management and its natural environment. Now comprising 8,160 acres, it is located in the very heart of the pine, oak and Hickory Ozark forest and is covered with an abundance of forest trees amply sufficient to sustain food and cover for wild animals and bird life. It is adequately watered by natural springs, ponds and reservoirs. With such a natural background, the future developments lean definitely toward an intensive development of a sound wild life program.

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Notice particularly the utility room. It contains the heating arrangements as well as all the convenient home laundering facilities. There is no reason why half of a big kitchen or some back hall space, or even a big, inconvenient pantry cannot be adapted for the home laundering arrangements. The utility room shown contains the built-in tub and the convenient household washer and ironer. A door leads to the drying yard, and the room's location between the garage and the kitchen makes it possible for the man of the house to clean up in the utility room before he ever enters the home proper.

Arrangements of this sort are becoming more and more popular, often being built into old homes, inasmuch as this kind of installation makes it so much easier and more convenient for the woman of the home to supervise all the washing and ironing arrangements.

AUTO TAGS SALES SLOW; DEADLINE MON., FEB 15

Five days now remain in which to buy state automobile license tags, the deadline set by Secretary of State Dwight Brown being Monday midnight, Feb. 15, and O. M. Arthur reports sales quite a bit behind that of last year at this time.

Approximately \$25,000 worth of license plates have been sold to date according to Mr. Arthur. The number of the tags for passenger cars for the Sikeston district run from 170,000 to 175,000.

Arkansas Child Dies Here

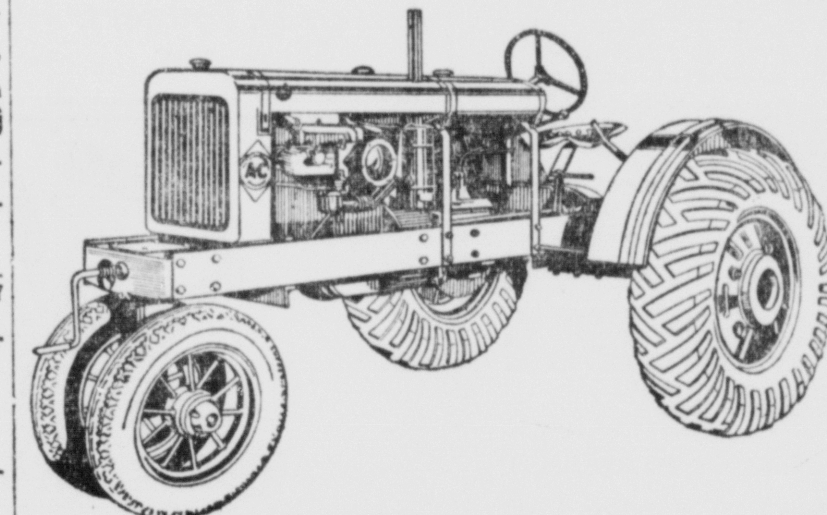
Billy Ray Pipkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Pipkin of Dyess, Ark., died Monday, February 7,

at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Foster at 506 Fletcher avenue. The child was born July 6, 1936 near Dyess, where his par-

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ents lived. They came to Sikeston several weeks ago to escape the flood waters. Burial was in Carpenter cemetery Monday. Welsh service.

Pneumonia Causes Death

James Rogers Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Arnold, died Monday morning, February 7 of pneumonia, after an illness of five days.

He was born in Sikeston, August 11, 1933, and was the only child in the family.

Funeral services will be held this (Tuesday) afternoon at the family residence, 508 Fletcher avenue, by Tom Sailors. Burial will be in Carpenter cemetery near McMullin. Welsh service.

Mrs. Betty Matthews, Miss Camille Klein, Miss Ruth McCoy and Mrs. E. C. Matthews went to St. Louis Sunday for a few days stay.

Dr. H. M. Kendig returned Sunday afternoon from Willow Springs where he spent the past week.

Mrs. J. H. Galeener of Houston, Texas, who visited her mother, Mrs. J. E. Marshall for two weeks, accompanied Mrs. J. H.

Yount and son Jack to St. Louis last week for a few days visit before joining her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Galeener for the return trip to their home.

Mrs. C. N. Harrell of Miami, Okla., came Friday for a visit of several days with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Schreff.



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Probably no exclusive line handled by our store will cause more interest among good housekeepers than the new 1937 Frigidaires which will be due here in a few days. Representatives of our firm attended the opening sales school and showing of the new models last week in St. Louis and say—as they have before—"Frigidaire has the world skinned". With the current saving "Meter Miser" in every one plus many other improvements I agree entirely with that conclusion.

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ALWAYS SOMETHIN' DOIN'

King Edward and Wally, The General Motors Strike, then the terrible floods, have held the headlines for weeks and just as the public temperature begins to subside slightly along comes the President and sets off political fire works in Washington that will keep tongues buzzing for another long period. In the meantime there will probably be an increased demand for the book entitled "Nine Old Men".

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TINKHAM HELD RIGHT ABOUT BISHOP CANNON

Washington, Feb. 5.—Representative Tinkham of Massachusetts won a directed verdict today in a \$500,000 libel suit filed against him by Bishop James Cannon, Jr.

United States District Judge Jennings Bailey ordered the jury to find for Tinkham after hearing lengthy arguments yesterday by Tinkham's counsel to end the case without presentation of defense testimony.

The suit was filed by Cannon, a Southern Methodist churchman, as a result of a statement made by Tinkham regarding the Bishop's handling of 1928 anti-Alfred E. Smith campaign funds. Tinkham, on a challenge by Cannon to waive congressional immunity, repeated to reporters remarks he had made on the House floor.

Roger J. Whiteford, Tinkham's attorney, argued to asking for the directed verdict that Cannon could not have been libeled in Tinkham's statement because the Bishop invited it. He cited numerous cases to support his contention that damages could not be collected on "invited" libel.

Judge Bailey held in ordering the directed verdict that Bishop Cannon, by his own testimony, was guilty of violating the Federal Corrupt Practices Act. Tinkham charged in his statement that the churchman had violated that law.

"I find that the charges made against him (Bishop Cannon) by the defendant were substantially true," Judge Bailey said.

Bishop Cannon was acquitted in 1933 of conspiring with Miss Ada L. Burroughs of Richmond, his secretary, to violate the Corrupt Practices Act.

Both the criminal and civil trials were based on Bishop Cannon's handling of \$63,000 contributed by E. C. Jameson of New York to Bishop Cannon for use in swinging Southern states to Herbert Hoover in 1928.

Bishop Cannon's counsel filed a motion for a new trial and also served notice of intention to appeal if a new trial were not granted.

CATTLE ON FEED IN MISSOURI, JAN. 1, 1937

Columbia, Mo.—Farmers were feeding 30 per cent fewer cattle on the first of the year than a year ago and feeding operations in most of the feeding states were less than last year. The inspected shipments of feeding cattle through stockyards during last fall from August to November were 76,000 compared to 97,000 in 1935 which was the smallest number during the last four years. These months are the most popular part of the year for farmers to bring in their feeding cattle. Not only fewer cattle are on feed but fewer farmers are feeding as a result of the smaller 1936 corn crop. Feeders were slow in bringing in cattle until November and more were brought in that month than usual and December was some higher than last year, according to E. A. Logan, Statistician for Missouri, of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, Bureau of Agricultural Economics U. S. D. A.

Shortage of corn causes farmers to feed cattle mostly on hay and fodder during the winter. However, farmers also feed some cottonseed cake, black strap molasses plus ensilage, expecting to finish on a small amount of corn. Few heavy cattle or feeding calves were put in feed lots but the larger portion of feed were under 750 pounds or between 750 and 1000 pounds. Around 15 per cent of the cattle on feed will go out each month until April but 40 per cent will be held until May or later. Nearly 60 per cent were bought in stockyards and 25 per cent direct.

Cattle marketings were 979,000 head of 1936 against 953,000 in 1935. Shipments from January to March 1936 exceeded 1935 but were less in April and May, increasing heavily from June to September, then falling off rapidly to December. Calf marketings were the greatest ever made except in 1934, being 459,000 head against 457,000 in 1935 and 599,000 for 1934. Until June the sales were less than the year before but drought increased the movement very rapidly with the peak of shipments in August of 62,500 being the highest of any August during the past sixteen years except the 111,000 for August 1934.

Cattle feeding in the Corn Belt is only 77 per cent of 1936. All states are higher except Ohio, Michigan and Minnesota but Indiana and Illinois are only down slightly. Other states are from 25 to 67 per cent less. Weights and dates of marketings agreed with plans of Missouri farmers.

STATE HEALTH BOARD EFFECTS REORGANIZATION

Dr. E. S. Smith of Kirksville is the new president of the Missouri State Board of Health, having been elected at a recent reorganization meeting in Jefferson City to succeed Dr. T. S. Bourke of Kansas City, who had submitted to the board his resignation from

the presidency. Dr. Bourke, however, will continue to serve as a board member.

By reason of his recent appointment as state health commissioner, Dr. Harry Parker of Warrensburg was elected secretary of the board, succeeding Dr. E. T. McLaugh of Richmond, resigned. Dr. W. L. Brandon, Poplar Bluff, was re-elected vice-president.

Dr. Smith, the new president, is the senior member of the board, having been appointed in 1929. He said development of three major projects of the board would be fostered during his term. These are plans for control of venereal diseases, establishment of mobile clinics to carry latest methods in obstetrics and pediatrics to physicians too busy for graduate study, and extension of "visiting nurse" work.

District Basketball Scores

Other scores of games in the district Friday night were: Cape Central, 24; Fruitland 18. Randles, 25; Oak Ridge, 23. Delta, girls, 26; Oran, girls, 4. Benton, girls, 16; Farnfelt, girls 16—tie.

Benton, boys, 21; Farnfelt, boys, 18. Lutesville, boys, 25; Greenville, boys 20.

Canalou, girls, 33; Risco, girls, 30. Canalou, boys, 27; Risco, boys, 21.

Diehlstadt, girls, 37; Blodgett, girls, 4. Diehlstadt, boys, 36; Blodgett, boys, 16.

Cape Teachers, 23; Maryville Teachers 26. Poplar Bluff, 30; Doniphan, 26. Morehouse, girls, 26; Chaffee 30. Morehouse, boys 14; Chaffee 9.

Cape Team Wins At Trip

The Cape Girardeau Training School basketball team won the seventh annual Troy basketball tournament Saturday night by defeating Steeleville in the finals 24 to 11. Troy won third place from Eolia 21 to 15.

PARISH ASSOCIATION TO MEET TONIGHT

The Catholic Parish Association will meet this (Monday) evening, 7:30 o'clock, at the Parish Hall.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS MAKES GREAT DIFFERENCE

In 1797 a man was arrested for wearing one of the first silk hats in London. He was charged with wearing a tall structure having a shiny lustre apt to frighten timid people. The magistrate considered this so menacing that he bound over the dude in the sum of \$2500 not to wear his silk hat again. Seems improbable, but not so long ago the London Daily Mail dug up the story from ancient records of the courts. But we have many just as queer turns of history attached to our own country. Less than a hundred years ago that wonderful statesman, Daniel Webster, rose in congress and added his eloquent voice to the plea to refrain from buying that vast tract of land west of the Mississippi River. He strongly contended that the United States should not spend one penny toward the purchase or development of that big waste of snow-infested desert lands. Then it was about the same time that the city council in Cincinnati passed an ordinance in order to prevent the spread of colds—making it unlawful for any person to install a bathtub in his home. The found-

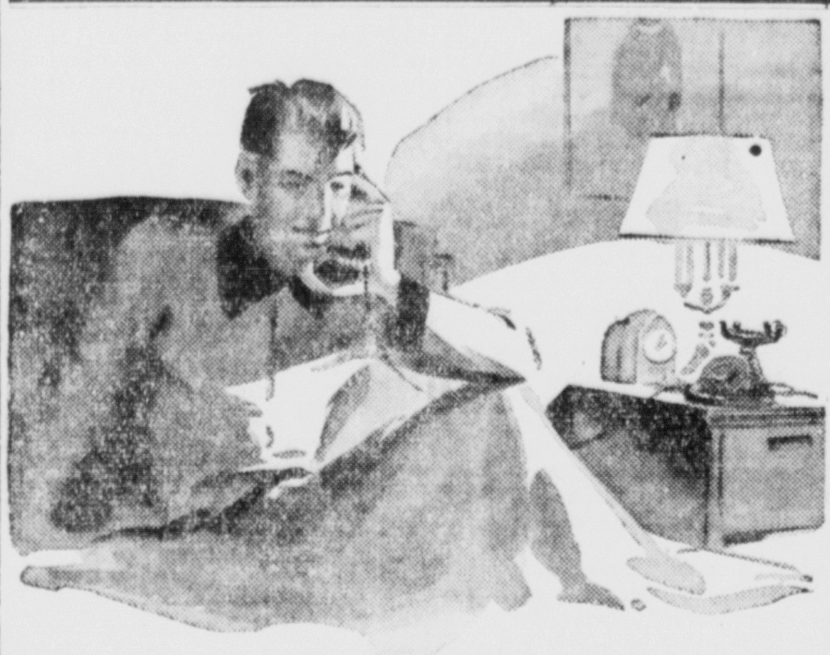
er of John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, because of his fear of elevators, placed in the charter of the donation that no elevator should ever be placed in the main building. Even within our own generation the driver of the first automobile in America was arrested as he piloted his "horseless-buggy" down the streets in Chicago. In the Puritan days men were jailed when they were caught kissing their wives on Sunday. A hundred years from now many of the bitter prejudices and bones of contention of today will seem as ridiculous as the silk hat episode of 1797 and of the first automobile seems to us today.—New London Record.

WHEAT SMOTHERED

Many farmers are convinced that the heavy sleet has been disastrous to the wheat, of which there is a heavier acreage here this year than for many years.

The fear is based upon the belief that the sleet has closed all the avenues for air to reach the wheat, and that the result is wheat has literally smothered. The contention is that wheat must have air during the winter which is plentiful in the case of an ordinary snow.

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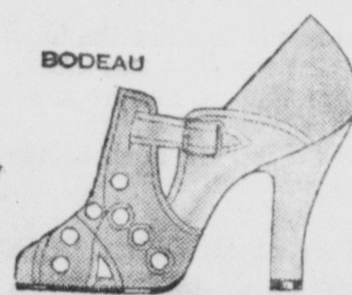
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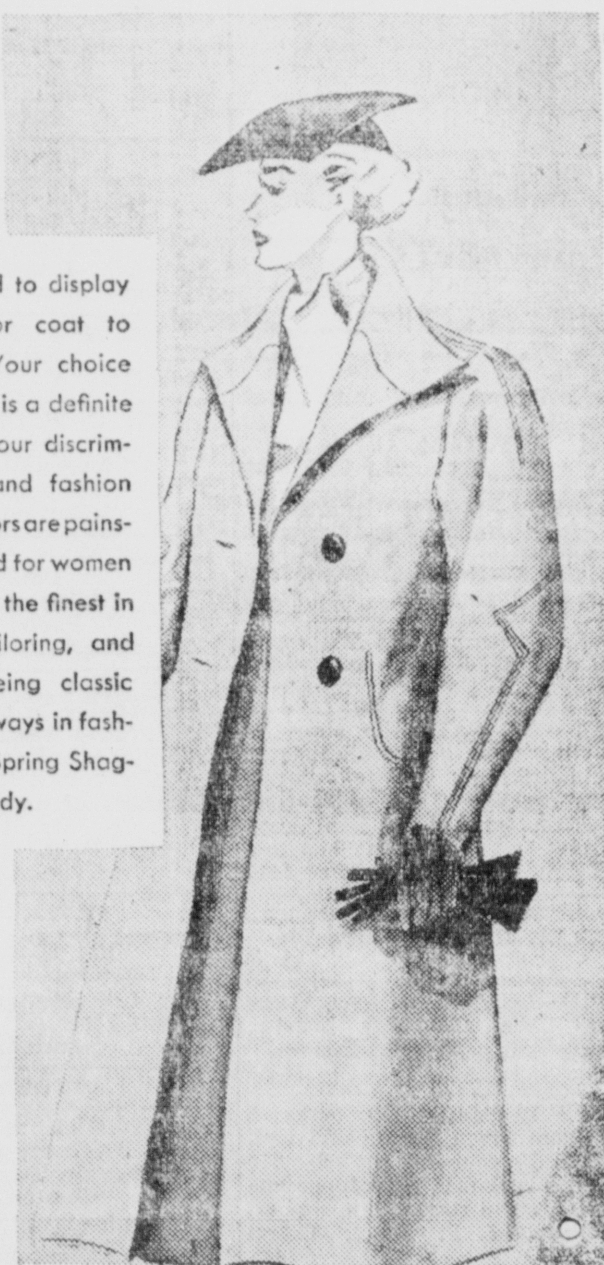
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growing regions where a similar sleet is upon the ground it is reported that farmers are discing the sleet in order to break through the crust and permit the air to reach the blades of wheat. Some here feel that it is already too late for this to do much good.

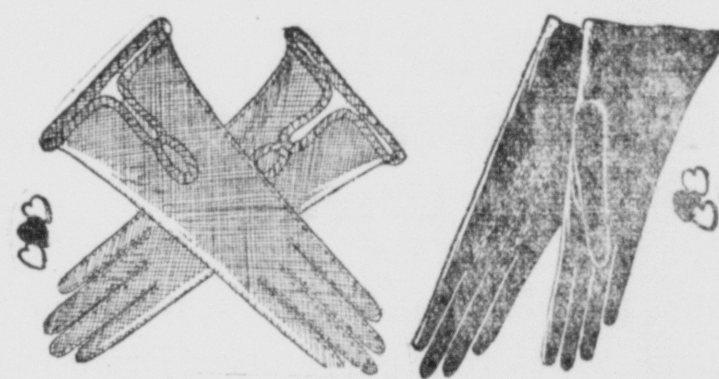
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